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Appln. No. 10/600,737  
Amdt. dated March 28, 2006  
Reply to Office Action dated December 28, 2005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Satoshi Ishikura  
Appln. No. : 10/600,737  
Filed : June 20, 2003  
Title : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
DESIGN METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE DESIGN  
METHOD RECORDING MEDIUM, AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE DESIGN SUPPORT SYSTEM

Conf. No. : 7396  
TC/A.U. : 2825  
Examiner : Stacy Whitmore

Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 31638US4

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "E"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005 (Paper No. 1205). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on March 28, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

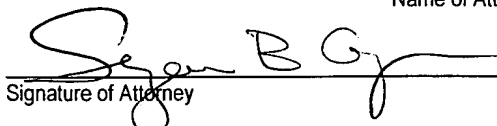
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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**March 28, 2006**  
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